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# National Situation Report

As of 3:00 a.m. EDT Friday, April 28, 2017

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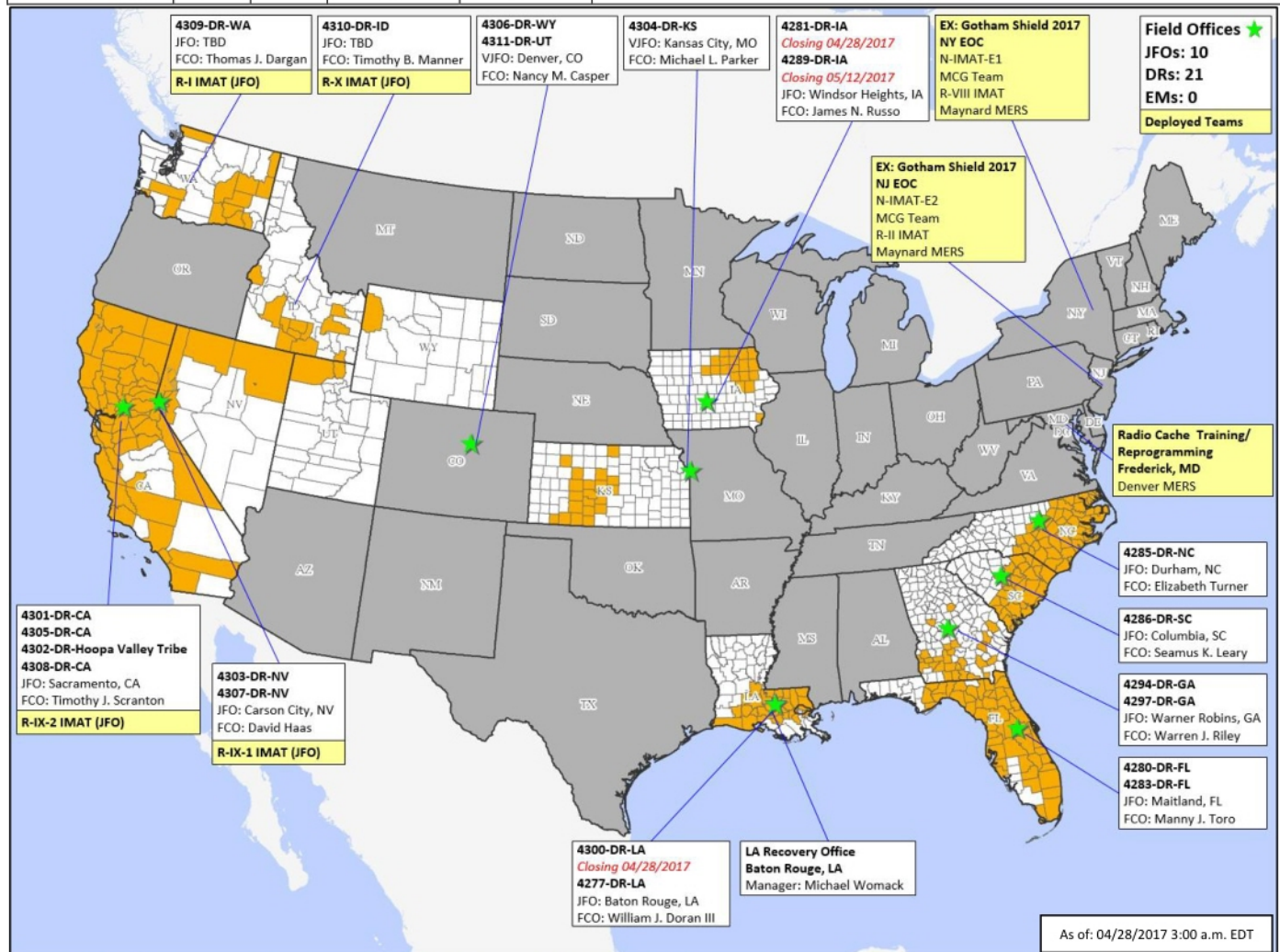
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## Overview

- NRCC: Not Activated
- NWC: Watch / Steady State

## Common Operating Picture

Total Force	Available	Deployed	Other	Cadres < 25%	
10,238	5,844	57%	3,090	1,304	Equal Rights



N-IMATs		Regional IMATs		FCOs / FDRCs		US&R	MERS
East 1:	B-2	Assigned:	13	Assigned:	36 / 11	Assigned:	36
East 2:	B-48	Available:	7	Available:	13 / 5	Available:	32
West:	Charlie	PMC/NMC:	0	PMC/NMC:	5 / 3	PMC/NMC:	1
		Deployed:	6	Deployed:	18 / 3	Deployed:	3

**B-2 Status:** Assemble ≤ 2-hrs, On Site ≤ 18-hrs; **B-48 Status:** Assemble and deploy ≤ 48hrs; **Charlie Status:** No team assemble time requirement

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## Current Operations

### *Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments:*

FEMA Region	State / Location	Event	IA/PA	Number of Counties		Start-End
				Requested	Completed	
II	NY	Winter Storm Event March 13-15, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	30	11	3/30 – TBD
VIII	ND	Dakota Access Pipeline Controversy August 10 – March 31, 2017	IA	0	0	N/A
			PA	1	1	4/25 – 4/26

**Declaration Activity:** None

## Monitoring / Potential Future Operations

### *Significant Events:*

- FEMA participation in Gotham Shield 2017 complete; NRCC has deactivated
- US&R: California Task Force 2 is conducting a full-scale exercise in southern CA through April 30

**Tropical Activity:** No activity threatening U.S. interests

### *Significant Weather:*

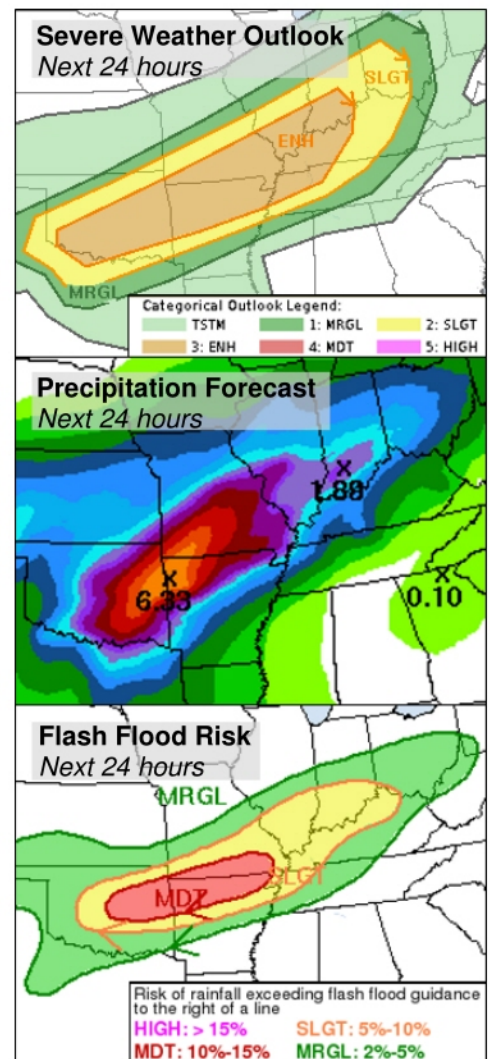
- Severe Weather and Flood Threat
  - Enhanced Risk of severe thunderstorms from Oklahoma into the Ozark Plateau and Lower Ohio Valley (top graphic)
  - Supercells may form with large to very large hail and damaging wind as the main threats, though a few tornadoes may also occur
  - Significant rainfall in Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Missouri within the next 24 hours; over six inches expected in some areas (middle graphic)
  - The significant precipitation within the next 24 hours presents a Moderate Risk for flash flooding; the risk in southern Missouri is mitigated by mountainous terrain and floodplain management
  - The states and FEMA Regions in the threatened areas are monitoring, however no activations are planned at this time
- Critical fire weather in the far southwest continues to pose a threat

**Space Weather:** Nothing significant to report

**Wildfires:** Nothing significant to report

**Earthquakes:** Nothing significant to report

## Recovery Operations *(Updated Weekly on Tuesdays)*



## **Acronyms / Abbreviations & Terms**

DR	Major Disaster Declaration
EDT	Eastern Daylight Time
EM	Emergency Declaration
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FDRC	Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator
FMC	Fully Mission Capable
IA	Individual Assistance Program
IMAT	Incident Management Assistance Team
JFO	Joint Field Office
MERS	Mobile Emergency Response Support Teams
N-IMAT	National Incident Management Assistance Team
NMC	Non-Mission Capable
NRCC	National Response Coordination Center
NWC	National Watch Center
PA	Public Assistance Program
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessments
PMC	Partially Mission Capable
RWC	Regional Watch Center
US&R	Urban Search and Rescue
VJFO	Virtual Joint Field Office



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**Subject:** RE: FEMA NWC RFI: North Dakota Pipeline Protest; Suspense: 09:00 EST / February 2, 2017

Great! You guys are awesome! Thank you for the quick turn-around, much appreciated!

Best,  
Rachel

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Rachel:

As discussed; we queried our region, DHS, our USACE LNO and NGB.

Reponses are as follows:

- DHS – Nothing significant to report (NSTR)
- NGB – SITREP number 62 attached (awaiting update)

Also,  
From CNN –  
<http://www.cnn.com/2017/02/01/politics/dakota-access-pipeline-army-corps/index.html>

Late last night, there were about 70 arrests at the pipeline protests.

We have requested updates from Mr. Irwin William (OGA), the National Guard Bureau and the NOC. Will develop this further as information comes in.

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If possible, could you send me anything you have by 9a tomorrow morning? If you have any questions, please let me know!

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UPDATE #2

Source: Region VIII RWC/Denver MERS

- The press release GOV Burgum put out yesterday is below
- State EM reports no rioting in the past 4 days
- Additional surveys of traditional and social media have also not revealed any new rioting or unusual activity
- The R-VIII ARA, ADRA, and RDD have all been briefed

North Dakota NG JOC SITREP from 24 January is attached

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Image Source: CNN (both images below)

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**Subject:** BURGUM STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP'S EXECUTIVE ACTION ON DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE

NEWS: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Jan. 24, 2017

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**Burgum issues statement about President Trump's  
executive action on Dakota Access Pipeline**



BISMARCK – Gov. Doug Burgum issued the following statement today in response to the executive action by President Donald Trump directing federal agencies to expedite the review and approval process for the Dakota Access Pipeline.

“After months of politically driven and costly delays by the Obama administration, President Trump has moved this important infrastructure project one step closer to completion,” Burgum said. “This pipeline underwent an exhaustive review process and was twice upheld by federal courts. We ask that the Trump administration provide federal law enforcement resources to assist in upholding the law and protecting people and property rights as the project moves toward completion under Lake Oahe.”

In a memo to the Secretary of the Army, Trump stated that he believes “construction and operation of lawfully permitted pipeline infrastructure serve the national interest.” The memo did not grant the easement for the Lake Oahe crossing or permit drilling to begin immediately, but directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review and approve “in an expedited manner” requests to construct the pipeline, and consider prior reviews and determinations as satisfying all applicable requirements of federal law.

“As the legal and political process continues to unfold, we remain squarely focused on life safety and protecting all citizens, including the protesters still camped in a flood zone in southern Morton County,” Burgum said. “We strongly support the Standing Rock Tribal Council’s unanimous vote Friday asking those remaining at the camps to vacate the area and head home to allow cleanup to happen before spring flooding begins. While we support free speech and the right to peacefully protest, we are concerned about safety due to flooding and ongoing violent protests, including last Wednesday’s incident on the Backwater Bridge that resulted in 21 arrests.”

“We all care about clean water in North Dakota. As this situation has unfolded, it has become a political flashpoint for many causes unrelated to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe’s original concerns,” Burgum said. “Moving ahead, our administration is committed to government-to-government consultation and an inclusive permitting process that represents the viewpoints of all interested parties. We look forward to a return to collaborative dialogue and improved relations so we can collectively focus our energy on addressing the important issues facing the tribes in our state.”

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**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY: Request from Acting Administrator - ND Rioting - UPDATE #1

Good afternoon, UPDATE #1

Source FEMA Region VIII

- Local / state media silent on the topic
- Social Media quiet as well
- There are no reports posted to the ND State WebEOC
- FEMA LNOs responsible for ND have been unable to reach ND emergency managers... the thought is they are in a meeting

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There is nothing specific going on, the ongoing protest for the Keystone XL Pipeline has attracted media attention. President Trump has taken executive actions to smooth construction of the pipeline. That action triggered additional preparation at the state level in anticipation of this exacerbating the protest situation.

Source: Open Source Media

- Open source article on 18 Jan 17 reporting ND Governor requested “chemical munitions launcher,” riot squads, and cops with active shooter training
- link: <https://www.muckrock.com/news/archives/2017/jan/18/north-dakota-emas-request/>

Source: National Guard Bureau

- Currently, all is quiet
- 2 NG Soldiers sustained minor injuries from protesters on 18 January
- ND National Guard JOC is at Level I manning (Day Shift Only)
- Governor ND has alerted MP BN – Not called up at this time
- Currently there are 311 NG personnel supporting (278 on State Active Duty, 31 Active Guard Reserve, 2 Retirees)

Pending a response from FEMA Region VIII, we will update further.

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NWC –

Can you provide a summary of the rioting situation in North Dakota in the next 30 minutes? Need NLT 12:30p.

Thanks,  
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Thanks.

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Re: ND pipeline protests - Josh sent out a data call to several stakeholders with a suspense of 0900. Nothing at all yet, but initial calls indicated nothing at all sir. If we get anything at all significant we will let you know ASAP.

In other news, weather is all quiet. The declaration for the tribal village in Alaska was denied. There are violent protests underway at UC Berkeley.

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Is there anything going on?

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In a memo to the Secretary of the Army, Trump stated that he believes "construction and operation of lawfully permitted pipeline infrastructure serve the national interest." The memo did not grant the easement for the Lake Oahe crossing or permit drilling to begin immediately, but directed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review and approve "in an expedited manner" requests to construct the pipeline, and consider prior reviews and determinations as satisfying all applicable requirements of federal law.

"As the legal and political process continues to unfold, we remain squarely focused on life safety and protecting all citizens, including the protesters still camped in a flood zone in southern Morton County," Burgum said. "We strongly support the Standing Rock Tribal Council's unanimous vote Friday asking those remaining at the camps to vacate the area and head home to allow cleanup to happen before spring flooding begins. While we support free speech and the right to peacefully protest, we are concerned about safety due to flooding and ongoing violent protests, including last Wednesday's incident on the Backwater Bridge that resulted in 21 arrests."

"We all care about clean water in North Dakota. As this situation has unfolded, it has become a political flashpoint for many causes unrelated to the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's original concerns," Burgum said. "Moving ahead, our administration is committed to government-to-government consultation and an inclusive permitting process that represents the viewpoints of all interested parties. We look forward to a return to collaborative dialogue and improved relations so we can collectively focus our energy on addressing the important issues facing the tribes in our state."

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**Subject:** RE: PRIORITY: Request from Acting Administrator - ND Rioting - UPDATE #1

Good afternoon, UPDATE #1

Source FEMA Region VIII

- Local / state media silent on the topic
- Social Media quiet as well
- There are no reports posted to the ND State WebEOC
- FEMA LNOs responsible for ND have been unable to reach ND emergency managers... the thought is they are in a meeting

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There is nothing specific going on, the ongoing protest for the Keystone XL Pipeline has attracted media attention. President Trump has taken executive actions to smooth construction of the pipeline. That action triggered additional preparation at the state level in anticipation of this exacerbating the protest situation.

Source: Open Source Media

- Open source article on 18 Jan 17 reporting ND Governor requested "chemical munitions launcher," riot squads, and cops with active shooter training
- link: <https://www.muckrock.com/news/archives/2017/jan/18/north-dakota-ematic-request/>

Source: National Guard Bureau

- Currently, all is quiet
- 2 NG Soldiers sustained minor injuries from protesters on 18 January
- ND National Guard JOC is at Level I manning (Day Shift Only)
- Governor ND has alerted MP BN – Not called up at this time
- Currently there are 311 NG personnel supporting (278 on State Active Duty, 31 Active Guard Reserve, 2 Retirees)

Pending a response from FEMA Region VIII, we will update further.

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NWC –

Can you provide a summary of the rioting situation in North Dakota in the next 30 minutes? Need NLT 12:30p.

Thanks,  
Rachel

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